

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Notice of Meetings: United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC)—Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITAC-T), National Committee & U.S. Study Groups A & D

The Department of State announces meetings of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC)—Telecommunication Standardization (ITAC-T) National Committee and US Study Groups A and D. The purpose of the Committees is to advise the Department on policy and technical issues with respect to the International Telecommunication Union and international telecommunication standardization and development. Except where noted, meetings will be held at the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The ITAC-T National Committee will meet from 9:30 to noon on October 18, 2000, at the Department of State to review the results of the ITU-T World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and organize the national study program to support those results.

The ITAC-T U.S. Study Group A will meet from 2:00 to 4:00 on November 14, 2000, at the Federal Communications Commission to prepare positions for the ITU-T Study Group 3 meeting starting in December.

The ITAC-T U.S. Study Group D will meet from 9 a.m. to noon on October 19, 2000, at the Department of State to prepare positions for the next ITU-T Study Groups 8 and 16 and Study Group 9 Working Party 1.

Members of the general public may attend these meetings. Directions to meeting locations and actual room assignments may be determined by calling the Secretariat at 202 647-0965/2592. Entrance to the Department of State is controlled; people intending to attend any of the ITAC meetings should send a fax to (202) 647-7407 not later than 24 hours before the meeting. This fax should display the name of the meeting (ITAC-T, U. S. Study Group A or D) and date of meeting, your name, social security number, date of birth, and organizational affiliation. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admission: U.S. driver's license, passport, U.S. Government identification card. Enter the Department of State from the C Street Lobby; in view of escorting requirements, non-Government attendees should plan to arrive not less

than 15 minutes before the meeting begins.

Attendees may join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admission of members will be limited to seating available.

Dated: October 2, 2000.

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Chairman, ITAC-R, U.S. Department of State.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard**

[USCG-1998-3553]

Marine Transportation System: Waterways, Ports, and Their Intermodal Connections

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of summaries from the seven Regional Dialog Sessions sponsored by the Interagency Committee for Marine Transportation System. These summaries report on progress in addressing the Marine Transportation System Report recommendations and coordinating Marine Transportation System issues at the regional level.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before November 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1998-3553), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By hand delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public will become part of this

docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, or the RDS's, call LCDR Greg Case, Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-0386. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Request for Comments**

We encourage you to submit comments and related material on the Regional Dialog Sessions or the Marine Transportation System. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (USCG-1998-3553) and give the reasons for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Background

The Marine Transportation System (MTS) includes waterways, ports, and their intermodal connections with highways, railways, and pipelines. The MTS links the United States to overseas markets and is important to national security interests. Excluding Mexico and Canada, over 95% of the U.S. foreign trade by tonnage are shipped by sea, and 14% of U.S. inter-city freight is transported by water. Forecasts show that U.S. foreign ocean-borne trade is expected to more than double by the year 2020; and commuter ferries, recreational boating, and other recreational uses of the waterway are expected to increase, placing even greater demands on the marine transportation system. In turn, an expanding marine transportation system will pose greater challenges for